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handling of beans to be transported directly from the field to the processing plant. It's a necessary improvement in our law for the purpose of supporting this phase of agriculture, and I would urge the advancement of LB 261.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, members, I guess I want to question Senator Dierks a minute. Does this, then, apply statewide? I can't read the bill on my machine fast enough to know. Does this really open it up statewide to any activity that's legitimate as you've mentioned?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's my understanding of the bill. Not any activity, just for dry beans.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But it could be statewide. It takes away the panhandle distinction.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that...okay. That's what I wanted to...

SENATOR DIERKS: It doesn't involve corn. It just involves the dry bean product.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Doesn't involve corn, huh?

SENATOR DIERKS: No.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. (Laugh.) Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Dierks, for a question, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Vrtiska...Senator Dierks, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR DIERKS: I will.